

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA  
AT BECKLEY**

DONALD L. BLANKENSHIP,

Movant-Appellant,

v.

Civil Action No.: 5:18-cv-00591  
Criminal No.: 5:14-cr-00244

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Respondent-Appellee.

**NOTICE OF APPEAL**

Notice is hereby given that Movant Donald L. Blankenship, appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit from the order of this Court which denied the Movant relief under 28 U.S.C. §2255 as pronounced on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020. The Movant seeks a certificate of appealability under 28 U.S.C. §2253(c).

Respectfully Submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned, counsel for the Movant Donald L. Blankenship, does hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the *Notice of Appeal* was served via electronic filing to Thomas Booth, U.S. Attorney, Douglas W. Squires, U.S. Attorney, Jessica H. Kim, U.S. Attorney, Samuel Courier Shimeall, U.S. Attorney, Gabriele Wohl, U.S. Attorney, Kate K. Smith, U.S. Attorney, L. Anna Forbes, U.S. Attorney, Michael B. Stuart, U.S. Attorney, R. Gregory McVey, U.S. Attorney and Sean P. McGinley, Esq. DiPiero Simmons McGinley & Bastress, PLLC on the on this the 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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